1. Solomon's Reign I Kings 2:1-3, 12

- A. The building of The Temple **I Kings 9:1-2** and Solomon's great reign.
- B....But...Solomon's failures **I Kings 11:1-4** His heart was turned toward other gods.
- C. His kingdom was divided when he died.
 - 1. Israel, the Northern Kingdom had all unfaithful kings.
 - 2. Judah, the Southern Kingdom had some kings faithful and some unfaithful.
- 2. But...even the faithful kings allowed the (so called) minor sins to exist. **I Kings 15:9, 11-14**
 - A. II Kings 12:1-3; II Kings 14:1, 3-4; II Kings 15:1, 3-4
 - B. These sins eventually caused Judah to lose out with God and then conquered by the Babylonians.
- 3. Examples in the New Testament.
 - A. Rev. 1:10-11 The Seven Churches of Asia.
 - 1. Rev. 2:1-4 Ephesus "...left thy first love."
 - 2. Rev. 2:8-10 Smyrna "The persecuted church."
 - 3. Rev. 2:12-15 Pergamos "tolerated sins."
 - 4. Rev. 2:18-20 Thyatira "also tolerated sins."

See Acts 15:19, 29; Gen. 9:3-4

- 5. Rev. 3:1-2 Sardis "The weak church."
- 6. Rev. 3:7-8 Philadelphia "The revival church."
- 7. Rev. 3:14-16 Laodicea "The lukewarm church."